Statement

Estimated death rate for children aged 0—4 years for India and Major States, 1991.

India/ Major States	Child death rate 0—4 years (per thousand population) 0—4 years
India	26 5*
Andhra Pradesh	21.3
Assam	32.4
Bihar	22.8
Gujarat	23.3
Haryana	23.0
Himachal Pradesh	19.3
Karnataka	23.6
Kerala	4.3
Madhya Pradesh	44.5
Maharashtra	16.3
Orissa	39.0
Punjab	17.0
Rajasthan	30.9
Tamilnadu	16.1
Uttar Pradesh	35.6
West Bengal	20.6

*Excludes estimates of Jammu & Kashmir

Source : Sample Registration System

Infection of AIDS to Doctors Treating AIDS Patients

4679. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the observations made by an India born U.S. Surgeon clarifying that Doctors have little risk of acquiring AIDS from infected patients, and as such, patients should not be refused for treatment ;

(b) whether these clarifications have been given during series of lectures delivered at prestigious medical centres of the country during the last week of March, 1994 :

(c) whether these observations have further been publicised in some columns of Press on 27th March, 1994 to remove apprehension of Doctor community of the country ;

(d) whether Government propose to take some action issuing some instructions in this regard to fight this dreadful disease on war-footing ; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Comprehensive guidelines were issued by the Government as far back as 29th April, 1992. Opportunity is also taken from time to time to emphasise and clarify these points during the training and reorientation programmes for physicians.